

# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## Carbon County



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Utah Department of Workforce Services

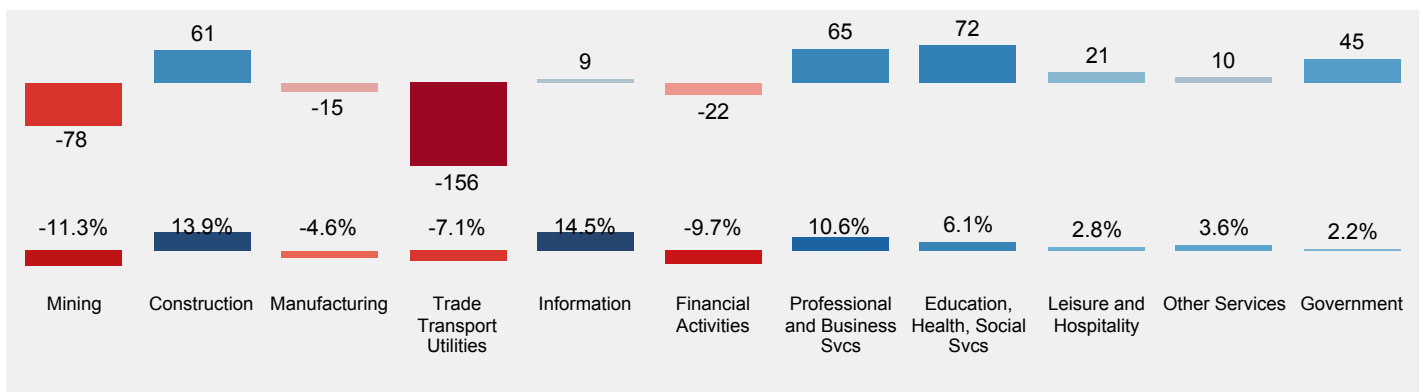
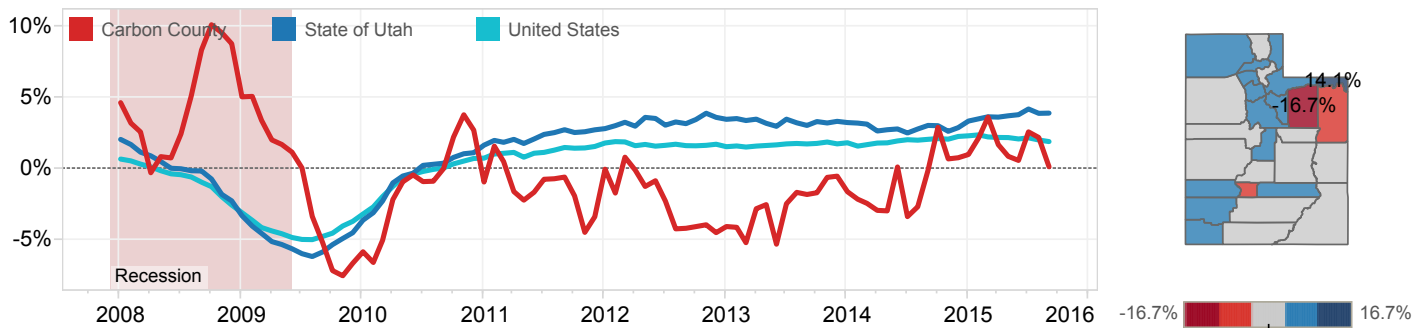
### Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs SEPTEMBER 2015\*

↑ 12

0.1%  
Carbon County

3.9%  
State of Utah

1.9%  
United States



### How's the economy?

Carbon County continues to create jobs but faces strong headwinds. September registered gains for the professional/business services, construction, and education health/social services sectors. However, these gains were offset by losses in the mining sector and associated industries. In addition, the loss of mining jobs in neighboring Emery County has driven up the area's unemployment rate (which is calculated based on where people live rather than where they work) when compared to 2014. Carbon County's construction permitting activity is up due to the construction of a county facility in Price. Growth in sales tax revenue was slightly negative.

### Jobs

Carbon County added 12 new jobs to its labor market over the past year. Employment growth was flat.



Construction and professional business services were the main private sector driver of jobs.



Education and government contributed a notable number of new positions.



\*Preliminary  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate DECEMBER 2015

6.0%

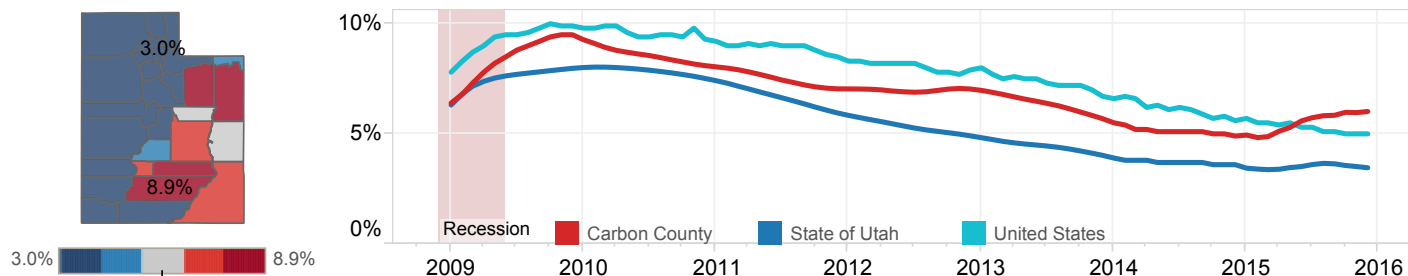
Carbon County

3.5%

State of Utah

5.0%

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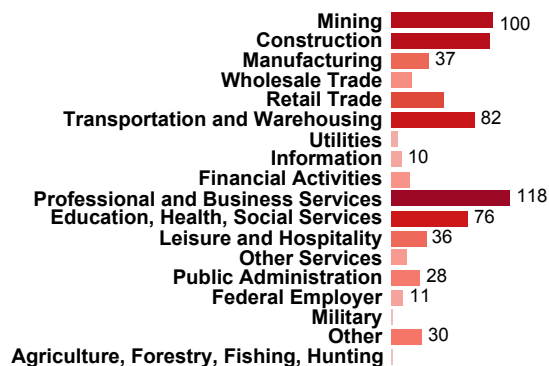
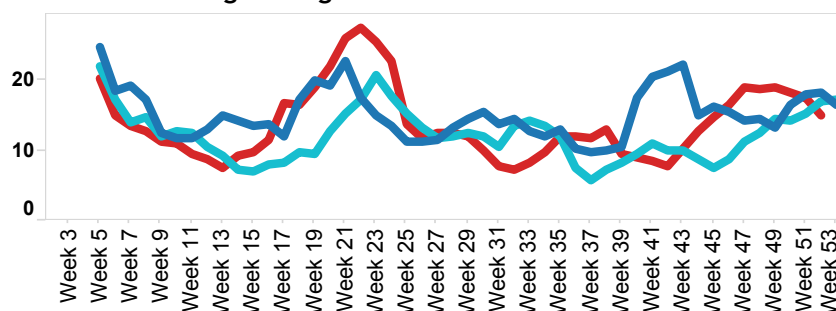


## Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

2015

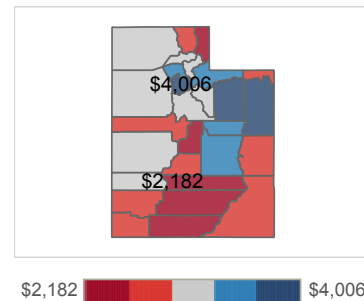
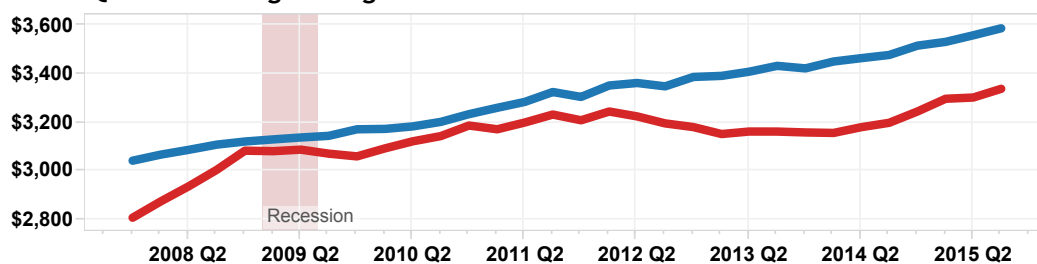
Four-Week Moving Average

2013 2014 2015



## Average Monthly Wage THIRD QUARTER 2015\*

Four-Quarter Moving Average



## Unemployment and Wages

Carbon County's jobless rate has remained stable over the last three months.

In November 2015, the county's unemployment rate measured 6.0 percent, up from 4.9 percent point in December, 2014.

There was a surge of unemployment insurance applications in the professional/business services and education/social services categories. The loss of mining jobs in Emery County is responsible for part of the increase as evidenced by a surge of mining and tr..

Carbon County's average monthly wage increased by \$35 in the recent quarter.

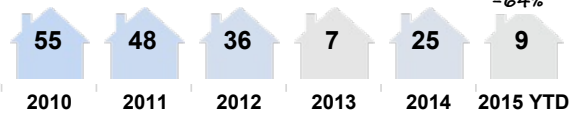
Carbon County's average monthly wage was \$3,337, one of the higher figures for nonmetropolitan Utah.

\* Preliminary. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services. Utah State Tax Commission.



## Construction Permitting JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2015

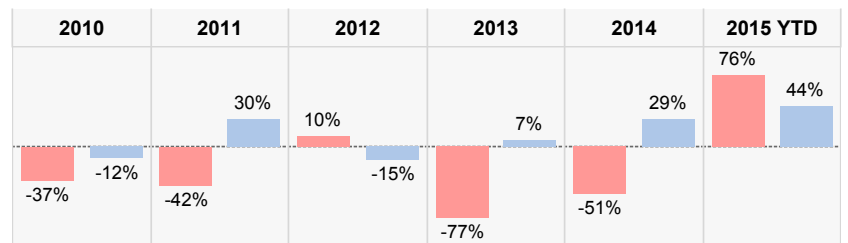
### Dwelling Unit Permits



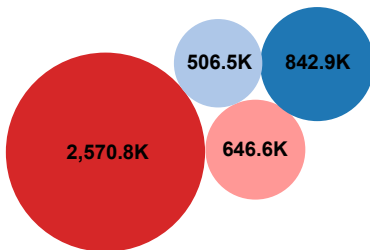
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■ New Nonresidential  
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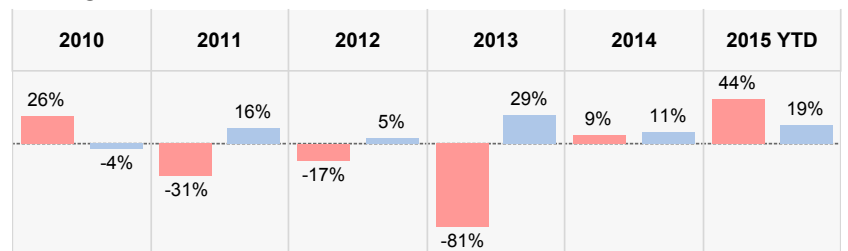
### Change in Nonresidential Values



### JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2015



### Change in Total Values



## Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales THIRD QUARTER 2015

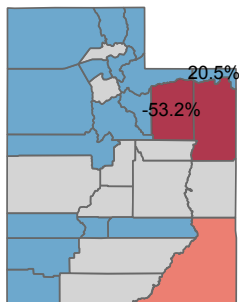
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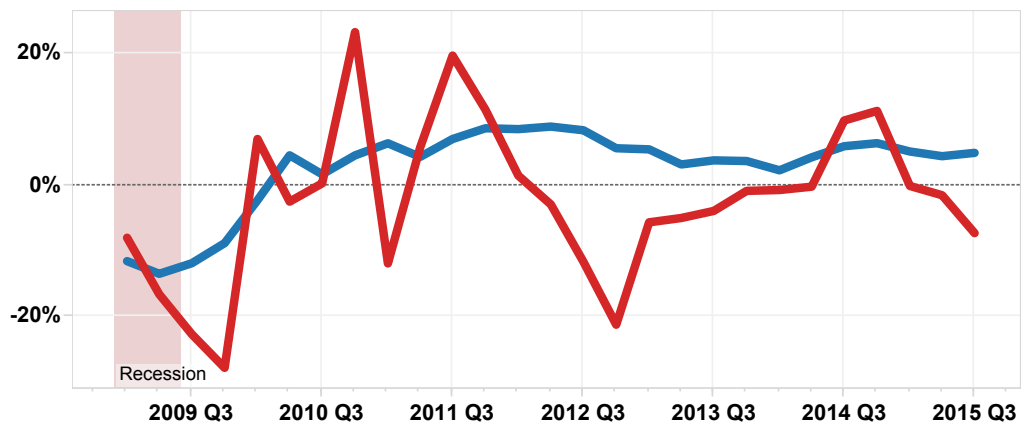
**\$-7.3%**

State of Utah

**\$4.9%**



-53.2% ■ ■ 22.8%



## Construction and Sales

Total construction-permitted values were up 44 percent due to an increase in the value of nonresidential permits. As noted above, this is due to the construction of a government facility.

There have been nine new home building construction permits issued in 2015. However, nonresidential construction is up 76 percent.

Between the first two quarters of 2014 and 2015, gross taxable sales declined by 7.3 percent.

A steep decrease in taxable business expenditures led decreases in other areas.

\*Preliminary

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Utah State Tax Commission.



## Nonfarm Jobs by Month THIRD QUARTER 2015\*

	July 2015			August 2015			September 2015		
	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,664	220	2.61%	8,653	187	2.21%	8,842	12	0.14%
<b>GOODS PRODUCTION</b>	1,441	46	3.30%	1,437	25	1.77%	1,423	-32	-2.20%
Mining	620	-51	-7.60%	622	-65	-9.46%	612	-78	-11.30%
Construction	505	125	32.89%	496	100	25.25%	499	61	13.93%
Manufacturing	316	-28	-8.14%	319	-10	-3.04%	312	-15	-4.59%
<b>SERVICE PRODUCTION</b>	7,223	174	2.47%	7,216	162	2.30%	7,419	44	0.60%
Trade Transport Utilities	2,080	-102	-4.67%	2,072	-98	-4.52%	2,035	-156	-7.12%
Wholesale Trade	335	-7	-2.05%	332	-5	-1.48%	332	-10	-2.92%
Retail Trade	1,128	-11	-0.97%	1,132	14	1.25%	1,123	21	1.91%
Transportation and Warehousing	533	-54	-9.20%	520	-80	-13.33%	492	-139	-22.03%
Utilities	84	-30	-26.32%	88	-27	-23.48%	88	-28	-24.14%
Information	74	11	17.46%	74	10	15.63%	71	9	14.52%
Financial Activities	213	-20	-8.58%	210	-25	-10.64%	204	-22	-9.73%
Finance and Insurance	156	-21	-11.86%	156	-23	-12.85%	153	-21	-12.07%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	57	1	1.79%	54	-2	-3.57%	51	-1	-1.92%
Professional and Business Svcs	651	81	14.21%	665	61	10.10%	679	65	10.59%
Professional/Scientific/Techn Svcs	253	49	24.02%	255	27	11.84%	258	47	22.27%
Management of Companies	24	4	20.00%	36	6	20.00%	39	-19	-32.76%
Administrative Support/Waste Mgmt	374	28	8.09%	374	28	8.09%	382	37	10.72%
Education, Health, Social Svcs	1,229	134	12.24%	1,226	104	9.27%	1,244	72	6.14%
Educational Services		-77	-100.00%		-86	-100.00%		-102	-100.00%
Health Care and Social Services	1,126	108	10.61%	1,133	97	9.36%	1,148	78	7.29%
Leisure and Hospitality	799	53	7.10%	813	60	7.97%	778	21	2.77%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	72	8	12.50%	79	15	23.44%	71	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Services	727	45	6.60%	734	45	6.53%	707	21	3.06%
Other Services	279	-11	-3.79%	293	10	3.53%	291	10	3.56%
<b>Government</b>	1,898	28	1.50%	1,863	40	2.19%	2,117	45	2.17%
Federal	151	-8	-5.03%	157	-3	-1.88%	152	4	2.70%
State	610	14	2.35%	600	2	0.33%	697	13	1.90%
Local	1,137	22	1.97%	1,106	41	3.85%	1,268	28	2.26%

\* Not included in total.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data.

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